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The Honorable Sarah Elfreth, Chair and Members of the Senate Pensions Subcommittee

RE: SB 587 State Police Retirement System and Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Member Contributions

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Maryland Troopers Association (MTA) has a membership strength of approximately 2,629 members of which 1,120 are active sworn Troopers involved in traffic and criminal enforcement throughout the State of Maryland.

SB588 has been introduced by Senators Griffith and Serafini, and it simply exempts members of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) and the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System (LEOPS) from making member contributions when they stop accruing benefits. This legislation will allow SPRS members to stop making contributions when they reach 28 years of service due to the fact that under current law at 28 years of service their maximum retirement benefit is reached.

Maryland State Troopers are integral members of the law enforcement community in Maryland. Given the role that our Maryland State Troopers perform in the public safety of our counties and state we feel that this small change is warranted and justified.

Therefore, the Maryland Troopers Association strongly supports SB587 and request a favorable report.

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